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## **EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As per independent claim 15, the closest prior art by Cohen et al. (US 6,222,937 B1) do not explicitly disclose that in a mix reality space image generation, a marker layout method the step of

"A mixed reality space image generation step of generating a mixed reality space image to be observed by the player, so the player observes virtual object images that do not include any images of markers in surrounding regions (marker regions) including the markers in the image data,

wherein the mixed reality space image generation step includes a step of substituting or overlaying images of the marker regions by predetermined virtual object images".

As per independent claims 16, 18-23 and 26, they have similar scope as claim 15. The closest prior art by Cohen et al. do not have the limitations as stated above.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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## Inquiries

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Ryan Yang** whose telephone number is **(703) 308- 6133**.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Michael Razavi**, can be reached at **(703) 305-4713**.

Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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or faxed to:

(703) 872-9314 (for Technology Center 2600 only)

Hand-delivered responses should be brought to Crystal Park II, 2121 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA, Sixth Floor (Receptionist).

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Technology Center 2600 Customer Service Office whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377.

Ryan Yang November 12, 2004

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